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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN  
TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC 4300  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, ETRD  
SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: REPRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN  
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1. DURING MEETING MARCH 1 I PROVIDED FONMIN WITH FULL TEXT  
OF SECRETARY'S FEB. 28 STATEMENT ON ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION.  
DREW ON POINTS CONTAINED STATE 043693 IN PUTTING ADMINISTRATION'S  
POSITION IN PERSPECTIVE FOR FONMIN. HE WAS PLEASED TO READ

SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON SAUDI POSITION, AND APPRECIATIVE OF OUR GRATITUDE FOR BAHRAIN'S ACCEPTANCE OF POSITIVE CERTIFICATIONS OVER RECENT MONTHS.

2. FONMIN READ SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FROM IT THAT THRUST OF ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH IS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH ARAB STATES AND TO TRY TO LEAD CONGRESS TOWARD LEGISLATION WHICH IS NOT DISRUPTIVE OF US FOREIGN RELATIONS AND INTERESTS. HE WISHED SECRETARY WELL IN THIS EFFORT. FONMIN PARTICULARLY PLEASED BY SECRETARY'S REMARKS SEPARATING RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION FROM BOYCOTT ISSUE SINCE, IN FONMIN'S VIEW, ARABS' "ENEMIES" TRY TO DISRUPT US-ARAB RELATIONS BY CLAIMING, FALSELY, THAT BOYCOTT IS RACIAL/RELIGIOUS IN NATURE.

3. MINISTER OF FINANCE IS GOB OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR DAY-TO-DAY ADMINISTRATION OF BOYCOTT HERE, AND HE FOLLOWS ISSUE CLOSELY. I WILL GO OVER STATEMENT IN DETAIL WITH HIM DURING NEXT FEW DAYS.

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